GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Cement Production
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total productive capacity and actual production of cement companies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the total consumption of cement in India during the said period;

(c) whether the cement companies in the country are not working to their full capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government is aware that the prices of cement is very high in south India compared to other parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The total installed capacity of cement companies in the country is about 400 Million Tones. The actual production of cement companies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.

(b): The details of total consumption of cement in India are not maintained by this Department. However, on the basis of the cess on cement collected by this Department during the each of the last three years and the current year, the dispatch data of cement for the said period is given in the Annexure.

(c): Capacity utilization in the country is about 70%.

(d) & (e): The Cement Industry was de-controlled in 1989 and de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Moreover the product is market driven and hence it is not possible to take effective corrective steps to increase demand of cement for increasing capacity utilization. Further, this Department does not monitor and control cement prices in the country including that of South India.

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